

REMARKS

The Examiner has stated in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance the following: "[t]he independent claims 1, 4, 6, 31, 33, and 40 recite receiving at a computer an electronic file intended for delivery from a sender to an intended recipient and converting, at the computer, the electronic file from a first file format to a second safe file format which is different in format from the first file format which prevents a computer virus from executing on a computer of an intended recipient of the electronic file, the converting being in response to determining that the electronic file represents a potential security risk to the intended recipient's computer, which, in view of the rest of the claim limitations, are distinguished from the cited prior art" (emphasis added).

In response, applicant points out that at least some of the independent claims (e.g. Claims 1, 4, 31, 33, etc.) are not necessarily limited to at least the emphasized features that the Examiner has highlighted above. Just by way of example, at least some of applicant's independent claims are not necessarily limited to a "receiving at a computer" and "converting, at the computer" (emphasis added), as the Examiner notes. Also, at least some of applicant's independent claims do not specifically state "an electronic file intended for delivery from a sender to an intended recipient," as also noted by the Examiner.

Furthermore, at least some of applicant's independent claims are not necessarily limited to "converting, at the computer, the electronic file from a first file format to a second safe file format... which prevents a computer virus from executing on a computer of an intended recipient of the electronic file" (emphasis added), as the Examiner further notes.

Clearly, at least some of the independent claims are not necessarily limited to the features that the Examiner has noted above in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, as emphasized above (by way of example only). Instead, each of the claims should only be limited by the language existing therein.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. For payment of the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAIIP091).

Respectfully submitted,
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